

*First*   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH MACON

*Worship Services*

August 14, 2022  
9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

*We exist to make disciples in Macon to reach the world for Christ  
by loving God, loving others, and serving people.*

# Welcome

*Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Gathering Place for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.*

## **TO OUR GUESTS**

We want to welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at [fpcmacon.org](http://fpcmacon.org).

## **SPIRITUAL CARE**

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

## **CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON**

We provide a Bible lesson and music for children in Pre-K through second grade during the services. Children will be dismissed from the service and escorted to their classroom before the sermon. Please pick up your children after the service or Sunday school on the second floor of Cornerstone. If this is your first Sunday at FPC, please walk your child to the Bible lesson to check them in.

## **NURSERY**

Nursery is provided for 3K and under from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. We also provide a mother/infant room located in the nursery with a live video feed of the service, as well as a "cry room" downstairs from the sanctuary for parents of "fussy" children with an audio feed. Ushers are available to direct you.

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Hearing assistance devices are in the Narthex for worshippers needing hearing assistance. You may also use a smartphone or bluetooth-enabled hearing aid to connect directly to the sound system. Connection instructions are in the Narthex. Please ask an usher or deacon for assistance.

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Felton Fincher and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Felton Fincher, Jr. by Harriet Fincher Comer.

## **YOUR PRESENCE**

Please let us know that you're here today by scanning the QR code.



**Worshippers read text in bold.**

# *Corporate Worship*

*We welcome you to our worship service today. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will find your worship experience to be encouraging, challenging, invigorating, and renewing you in the knowledge of God and the wonderful hope that we have through the Gospel of Christ. Most of all, we hope that God will be glorified by the worship we render to him.*

## **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16:28-29

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

### **PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

**HYMN OF PRAISE 296 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***

(Verses 1, 3-6)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -  
all things were created through him and for him.  
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

*\*\*\*Seating Interlude\*\*\**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 10:34-43

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Online giving may be done by texting **fpcmacon** to 73256 or visiting the church website at [www.fpcmacon.org](http://www.fpcmacon.org).

*Children K4-second grade are welcome to leave the worship service for a Bible Lesson in Cornerstone. They will meet their teacher at the front. We encourage children third grade and above to continue in corporate worship with their parents.*

# Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)

J. Kaufflin, K. Getty, M. Merker, & M Papa



1. I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?  
2. He is the shade at my right hand, my shel - ter in the storm.



My help comes from the Mak - er of the heav - ens and the earth.  
No sun by day, nor moon by night shall ev - er bring me harm.



He will not let my foot be moved; He keeps my jour - ney safe.  
He will not slum - ber, will not sleep; He watch - es all my ways.



*Chorus:* Oh, my soul, praise the Lord most high. Strong to save, He up - holds my life.



For - ev - er - more, He will be my life. I lift my eyes up to the Lord, most high.



3. I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come? My help comes from



the Mak - er of the heav - ens and the earth. The God of Is - rael is my guide



wher - ev - er I may go, and in His strength I will a - bide un - til he leads me home. *to chorus*

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD** - Elliott Everitt

*In the Arms of God*

Genesis 32:22-32

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** - *Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim -  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. (*Refrain*)

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. (*Refrain*)

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE - *Is He Worthy?*** by Andrew Peterson / Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.



Is an-y-one worth-y?\_\_ Is an-y-one whole? Is an-y-one a - ble to break the seal



and o - pen the scroll? The Li-on of Ju-dah who con-quer-ed the grave, He is Da-vid's Root



and the Lamb who died to ran-som the slave. Is he wor - thy? Is he wor - thy?



of all bless-ing and hon-or and glo - ry? Is he wor - thy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
 Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
 And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.  
 Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is an-y-one worth-y? — Is an-y-one whole? Is an-y-one a - ble to break the seal  
 5 and o - pen the scroll? The Li-on of Ju-dah who con-quer-ed the grave, He is Da-vid's Root  
 10 and the Lamb who died to ran-som the slave. From ev-'ry peo-ple and tribe, ev-'ry  
 13 na-tion and tongue, he has made us a king-dom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
 16 Is he wor - thy? Is he wor - thy? of all bless-ing and hon-or and glo - ry?  
 21 Is he wor - thy of this? He is! Is he wor - y? Is he wor - thy? He is!

## BENEDICTION

*As you exit, deacons will be at the door to receive the Deacon's Fund Offering.  
 Funds received are used for Mission to North American disaster relief.*

# Announcements

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Each Wednesday night will start off with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm followed by bible study, choir, and fun games. Nursery is provided for children 3 years old and under. **Begins August 24th!**  
[www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night](http://www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night)  
This semester children will study **Pilgrims Progress**.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday morning Women's bible study returns **August 24th, 9:30 - 11:30 am**. Women's Small Group and Large groups will be studying the **Gospel of John**. All women will meet in small groups, then together in a large group setting. **Childcare is available, as well as a Homeschool Group, contact Spring for more info!**  
For information: [www.fpcmacon.org/women](http://www.fpcmacon.org/women)

## WED. NIGHT DINNER

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall as we kick off Wednesday nights on **August 24th! The first Wednesday night is FREE! After August 24th, each meal is \$5 per person with a \$20 family max! Register on Realm! You must register to eat.**

## SUNDAY FALL KICKOFF

Join us Sunday, August 21st at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall! As we begin a new year of ministry this fall, there are many exciting opportunities for you to plug in to the life of our church, build fellowship, and grow in truth, faith and love. You'll learn about all of the ministry that will be happening on **Wednesday nights beginning August 24** - weekly dinner, children's and youth ministry, and several adult classes and small groups for men and women. We'll also hear about several events coming this fall including our **first EQUIP conference since 2018 (September 16-18) and Proclaim 2022 in October**. Join us as we kickoff this new year of ministry together!

## MEAL FREEZER

Frozen meals are available to the congregation for any needs that arise. If you'd like to take a meal or donate a meal, please see a Deacon or stop by the church office.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT GROUPS

Men, Women, and Co-ed Groups meet from 6:15 - 7:30. **BEGINS AUGUST 24TH.**  
[www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night](http://www.fpcmacon.org/wednesday-night).

### WOMEN'S GROUPS

Women's groups will be studying the **Gospel of John**.  
For women's groups email [maryanneshiple1@gmail.com](mailto:maryanneshiple1@gmail.com).

### MEN'S GROUPS

Men will meet all together before breaking up into smaller groups for study and discussion. For men's groups email [Elliott\\_everitt@fpcmacon.org](mailto:Elliott_everitt@fpcmacon.org).

### CO-ED GROUPS

**Westminster Confession of Faith - Begins Sept. 7th**

Led by **Chip Miller**, this class is working it's way through this nearly **400 year old confession**. If you want to learn more about the Reformed faith, or if you want to be reminded and grow in these doctrines, this class is for you. **The class makes use of video commentary by John Gerstner, and Chip leads discussion.**

### Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a **seven-session course that gives people the time and space to think about the big questions of life** and to explore the life of the man at the heart of the Christian faith.

**All are welcome, especially those investigating the claims of Christ or those wanting to study the gospel message more in depth.**  
**This class will be led by Justin Leslein.**

## PROCLAIM

**SAVE the DATE! Proclaim will be October 30th.**

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 14	Elliott Everitt	August 28	Justin Leslein
August 21	Marlin Harris	September 4	John Kinser

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*Tom Rule, Pianist*  
*Chancel Choir*

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### The Session

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 Mike Peed  
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### Trustees

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## YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:10 AM

Canterbury	Education Building E104	John Kinser
Connections	Basement M100	Various Teachers
Covenant	Education Building E105	Calvin Smith
Immanuel	Education Building E106	Various Teachers
Logos	Education Building E208	Various Teachers
Providence	Brickyard M103	Various Teachers
Shepherds	Brickyard M102	Tom Scott
Trinity	Education Building E103	Various Teachers
Young Adults	Gathering Place	Various Teachers
Young Marrieds	Education Building E100	Various Teachers
Youth	Education Building 3rd Floor	Todd Robinson

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